

Increasing Soil Moisture Deficit Causes Concern in Southern Counties

HARRISBURG — An increasing soil moisture deficit in southern and southeastern Pennsylvania counties was reported Wednesday by the State Department of Agriculture following a Feder-

al-State crop and weather survey for the next ended Monday.

Farmers in Lancaster County claim stunted tobacco and potato growth will greatly affect yields unless "soaking" rains arrive soon. Continued lack of rain in the county could reduce anticipated crops of 1,500,000 bushels of potatoes and 42 million pounds of cigar leaf tobacco, observers said.

A light general rain throughout the county Monday might help relieve the situation somewhat. Rainfall ranged from nearly an inch in the southern part of the county to about half an inch

Grain Given Cattle In Hurricane Area

To help livestock in the hurricane disaster areas of Louisiana, the USDA has made available for donation 35,000 bushels of corn. The grain was made available to feed an estimated 3,000 head of cattle stranded in the wake of hurricane Audrey. State and Federal agricultural officials are cooperating in the emergency operation.

in the northern part.

This is the first measurable rain that has fallen for several weeks in the Denver area.

Meanwhile, across the State, showers and thunderstorms were confined to the northern and western counties where a maximum of 15 inches of rainfall was reported.

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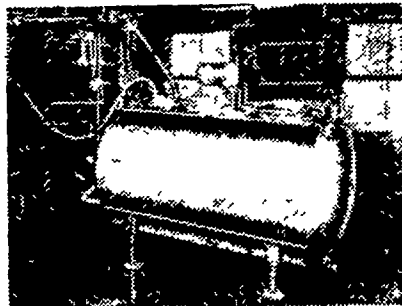
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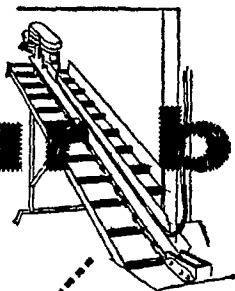
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hundredweight (46.5 quarts) as compared with \$3.92 in 1956. The actual price for the month will be announced not later than Aug. 14.

The Administrator's estimate was based on a July fluid (Class 1-A) milk price of \$5.30 per hundredweight. The July, 1956, fluid price was \$5.22 per hundredweight, or eight cents less than this year's price.

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